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Title:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SHAPING SEMISOLID METALS

Priority Claim (35 U.S.C. 119) is made, based upon:

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Enclosed herewith are:

- ☒ Specification (Description, Claims, Abstract): Pages 1 - 129; Number of claims 1 - 40
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney (executed)
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- ☒ 61 Sheets of drawings, Figures 1 - 74 ☒ Formal ☐ Informal
- ☒ Assignment and Form PTO-1595 Recordation Form Cover Sheet
- ☒ Certified copy (ies) of priority document(s) identified above, except copy of JP 8-87848 not enclosed.
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- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Verified Statement(s) Claiming Small Entity Status
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Total Claims	<u>55</u>	<u>-20</u>	=	<u>35</u>	x \$22.00	=	\$ <u>770.00</u>
Independent Claims	<u>7</u>	<u>-3</u>	=	<u>4</u>	x \$78.00	=	\$ <u>312.00</u>
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					+ \$250.00	=	\$ <u>250.00</u>
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